THE DISCOVERY

Of the great enmity of the Serpent against the seed of the Woman. which witnesseth against him where he rules, both in Rulers, Priests and People: Whose hearts are now made manifest in this great day of the Lords power; wherein he is sending his Sons and Daughters in the power of his spirit to run to and fro to declare his word.

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Discovereth the state of *England*, who according to her own lusts hath heaped up Teachers to her self that hath spoken smooth things to her, calling her the beautifull Church and Spouse of Christ; but in the day of tryall she is found in enmity to Christ in his appearance in his children, and to be in the estate deluded from the spirit of truth, recorded in 2 *Tim.* 4. 2, 3. Which can not indure sound Doctrine, having itching eares and turns them away from the truth to fables; and now are *Englands* Teachers tryed, she hath heaped up to her self; and their doctrine proved: and their Ministery made manifest in the great enmity they manifest against Christ in persecuting the bodies of his Saints, them to destroy whom he hath sent to preach freely his eternal Word; for which they are stoned, beaten, and imprisoned; and many of *Englands* Teachers whom she upholds, stirs up the people so to doe: Being deceived, not regarding what is spoken, that neither fornicator, nor idolator, nor a adulterer, nor effeminate, nor abuser of themselves with mankind, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revellers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God, 1 *Cor.* 6. 9, 10.

A true testimony of him the world knows by name, William Deusbery, *and in scorn calls* Quaker; *who hath been by them imprisoned in* York, Darby, Leicester, *and* Northampton, *where he is now kept in the common Goal for the word of God and testimony of Jesus Christ.*

Also his Call to the Ministry of the everlasting Gospel by the still voyce of the Spirit of God and his mighty power destroying with the flaming sword the disobedient that would not stand in his counsell, and causing the soul to submit to his counsel the light that comes from Christ in it to wait on him to open the seales of the Book, and make known the mystery of eternall life to the soul, the Scripture testifieth is in Christ the truth of it to know as it is in Iesus.

The word of the Lord to all in *England* whom the Lord hath betrusted with power from the highest to the lowest, to see the peace be kept; and to judg the cause of the People with righteous judgement.

With a lamentation over all in *England*; who oppose Christ in his spiritual appearance, and to slight the day of your visitation to your own destruction.

From the common Goal in *Northampton* the 25. day of the 4. month, 1655.

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The Discovery of the great enmity of the Serpent, against the seed of the woman, which witnesse against him where he rules, both in Ruler, Priest and People.

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Oh people in England!

AM I become your enemy, because I tell you the truth; and deales plainly with you in declaring the minde of the Lord unto you? which in the eternal riches of his love he hath made known unto me, by the word of God and testimony of Jesus Christ, for which word and testimony I suffer outward bonds and persecutions, as my Lord and Master did; who was called a blasphemer, Belzebub the Prince of Devils, by the High Priests; who cryed to the unjust Magistrates, to deliver him up into their hands, that their persecuting murthering spirits, that thirsted after his blood, might be satisfied; which the unjust men in Authority to doe them a pleasure, in satisfying their wills abused their power, and delivered him up; and though they proved not any thing against him, they put him to death, calling him a blasphemer; and he sealed his testimony with his blood: And all my holy Brethren, Prophets, and Apostles, were called Blasphemers, Hereticks, Seducers, and Deluders, by the false Prophets, High-Priests, and Pharisees then; who professed the name of God in words, but denyed him in their practises; and persecuted his children, who were guided by his word, under the names formerly written: as I and my brethren is now persecuted by the same generation, which professe God and Christ in words, but denying him in their practises, living in pride, and pleasures, envy and murder: every way persecuting, and seeking to destroy the bodies of the Saints of the most high God; where the righteous seed is raised up, which witnesseth against their unrighteous practises, and discovers them in their secret hypocrisie, which is hid under their voluntary humility, which causeth them to appear what they are, and manifests what was hid in their hearts, under their faire coverings of outward formes and profession of Religion, which they

now manifeſt forth by their fruit, whoſe children they are, in obedience to their father the Devil; who was a perſecuter and a murtherer from the beginning, whoſe works they now doe that profeſſe Chriſt in words, but denies to be guided by his ſpirit; for his ſpirit is no perſecuter: and ſo are they made manifeſt (in what they doe) to all that have eyes to ſee, that they are ſtrangers to Chriſt, while they continue in Cains nature perſecuting the righteous ſeed without a cauſe, as he did, and doth in this Nation: both in the North of it, and in other Priſons in ſeverall places of it, there hath been caſt into them the Saints and Children of the moſt high God for obeying his will, in witneſſing forth his eternall Word that he hath made manifeſt in them: And no breach of any Nationall Law proved againſt them, but a Popiſh Law made in Queen *Maries* Reigne, which ſome hath ſuffered under; and many others of the Saints and Children of the moſt high God, they have perſecuted and caſt into priſons, and not the breach of any Nationall proved againſt them; but in the pride and envy of their hearts doe they perſecute the innocent, to ſatisfie their own wills; as I am a witneſſe againſt them who have perſecuted me, and caſt me into priſon under the name of a Seducer (as they ſay,) for the Seducing of the people of this nation, and for ſuſpition of Blaſphemy, and breaking of the publick peace, in diſperſing principles contrary to the truth of the Goſpel, and peace of the Nation; and not any accuſer appeared to my face to prove what they charge againſt me, as is formerly written, either by the Law of God or the Law of the Nation; but the Serpent in whom he rules, hath manifeſt his enmity againſt me, whom the Lord hath redeemed from the Earth; and ſent to preach the everlaſting Goſpell to thoſe that dwell upon the Earth; and to witneſſe againſt the wickedneſſe of the dark world that the deeds thereof are evill, for which teſtimony the world that hates the light that comes from Chriſt, whom they ever perſecuted to fulfill the meaſure of their fathers iniquities; hath me and my brethren perſecuted under the names as formerly written; charging me with making tumults and breaking the publick peace, for walking in obedience to the *Spirit* of Chriſt, which guided all he ſent to preach his Goſpel, to run to and fro as I have done in thee oh *England*! that knowledge may be increaſed, as is recorded in the *Scripture* of truth, *Dan.* 12. 4. And is according to the commands of Chriſt; Go your wayes, Behold

nold I send you forth as lambs among wolves, carry neither purse nor scrip nor shoos, and salute no man by the way, and into what City ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as is set before you, *Luke* 10, 3, 4 & 8 verses. But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to their counsell, and they will scourge you in their Synagogues, and you shall be brought before Governours and Kings for my names sake, but he that endures unto the end shall be saved, *Mat.* 10. 17, 18, & 22 verses.

According as it is written the wicked world that always did as they now do persecute the Messengers of Jesus Christ, who to them were and are sent to witnesse against them in their markets and meeting places that their deeds are evil; which the children of this generation that are strangers to the leadings of the spirit of truth, calls them that are guided by the spirit to walk according to the Scripture; makers of tumults, movers of sedition, breakers of the publick peace, as the unrighteous generation did, who persecuted Christ and his Apostles, whose practice was to declare the mind of God in their Synagogues and Markets, as the Ministers of Christ do now; And they found him in the Temple sitting in the midst of the Doctors both hearing and asking the questions, *Luke* 2.46. When Jesus came to *Nazareth* where he had been brought up, and as his custome was, he went into the Synagogue on the Sabbath day, and as was declaring the word of eternal life to the people, all they in the Synagogue when they heard these things he spake were filled with wrath, *and rose up and thrust him out of the City, and led him to the brow of the hill (whereon the City was built) that they might cast him down headlong: But he passed through the midst of them, and went his way,* Luke 4. 16, 28, 29, 30. And *Paul* an Apostle of Jesus Christ not of man neither by man; but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead, *Gal.* 1. 1. He was a chosen Vessel unto the Lord, to bear his name amongst the Gentiles, and Kings, and the children of Israel, *Acts* 9. 15. It was his practise to go too and fro to preach the word of eternall life to the people in their Synagogues and Markets, as the Ministers of Christ doth. When *Paul* & *Silas* came to *Thessallonica*, where was a Synagogue of the *Iewes*; *Paul* as his manner was went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures, *Acts* 17, 1, 2. When *Paul* went unto *Athens* his spirit stirred in him

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when he saw the whole City given to Idolatry, therefore disputed he in the *Synagogue* with the Jewes and with the devout persons, and in the Markets daily with them that met with him. Then certain of the Philosophers of the *Epicureans* and of the *Stoicks* encountred him, and some said what will this babler say, other some he seemeth to be a setter forth of strange Gods, because he preached unto them Jesus and the Resurrection, *Acts* 17. 16, 17, 18. verses.

And all my Brethren this day with me; that witnesseth Christ Jesus risen from the dead, and are sent to preach Christ the Resurrection, who hath enlightned every one that is come into the world; that all his light that from him comes, that shewes them sin; waite for his power to cleanse them from sin, and raise them out of the fallen and dead estate, by the power of his resurrection, to live in pure obedience to God.

We are by these the world calls their Ministers and Teachers, withstood as *Jannes* and *Iambres* withstood *Moses*. But the Lord is making them daily manifest that all shall see their folly, and by them be no more deceived, 2 *Tim.* 3. 8, 9. And as the heathen Phylosophers, before written, encountred *Paul*, so hath these men encountred with us, as before written, for witnessing Jesus the resurrection, and the true light that lightneth every one that comes into the world.

And as *Tertullus* the heathen Orator accused *Paul* before *Felix*. *Acts* 24. 1, 5. *We have found this man a pestilent fellow, and mover of sedition among st all the Iews throughout the world, and a ring-leader of the sect of the Nazarens.* The same spirit that was in the heathen Orator *Tertullus* that led him to accuse *Paul* before *Felix*, did *Edward bowles*, whom the people of the world calls Minister, and teaches in the high place in *York*; manifest to be in him, who never had spoken to me, when he by that dark spirit was led to give in an information against me; and at the time when it were expected I should have the priviledg of the Law, (that theeves and murtherers had by it to be tryed, and my accusers to appear face to face) the said *Edward Bowles* did not appear to prove against me what was written in the Information; neither a perfect copie of it would he or they that had it in keeping give to me when it was demanded, least their works of darkness should be brought to light; but what was brought to light

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when it was demanded of *Edward Bowles*: This is a perfect copie that he wrote with his own hand, as followeth:

It is informed that on *William Deusbery*, a ringleader of the persons called *Quakers*, goes up and down the country of *York*, and is now in the west riding thereof, disperſing principles prejudicall to the truth of the Goſpel, and peace of the Commonwealth: It is therefore deſired, that ſeeing no man is allowed publickly to exerciſe his gifts to a particular Congregation unleſſe he be firſt tryed and approved, that the ſaid *William Deusbery* may not be permitted to go up and down from place to place teaching, untill he receive approbation of ſome perſons, who ſhall be thought fit to judge how agreable his principles are to truth and peace.

This is the ſubſtance of what I delivered into Mr. *Payler*; but the particular words I cannot exactly remember, but I believe they doe not any thing conſiderably vary from this Paper. *E. B.*

This man whom *Edward Bowles* call Mr. *Payler* was the foreman of the Grand Jury, to whom he delivered the information againſt me, that they it might deliver to *Hugh Windham*, who ſate Judge of life and death at the general Aſſiſes holden at *York*, about the time of the 13 and 14 dayes of the firſt moneth called *March*, 1653. Upon the ſight of the information given in againſt me, the Judge granted a VVarrant in the open Court to the men that was in Commiſſion to doe Juſtice in *Yorkſhire* to apprehend me.

VVhich after that time, I being at a place called *Tholthorp* about 10 miles from *York* in the North riding thereof, and many of the ſervants of the living God with me waiting on him his power to manifeſt to his glory; And while we were together there came one *George Mann* in great rage two ſeverall times, with an Iron fork to ſatisfie his bloody thirſty mind; the Lord with his power did him chain, and prevented his bloody intents: To ſatisfie his will on me, he went to *Thomas Dickeſon*, who was at a place called *Kirby* Hall in *Yorkſhire*; and he accuſed me (as *Thomas Dickeſon* ſaid before him) that I ſaid I was Chriſt, upon which accuſation he granted forth a Warrant on the 26 day of the ſecond month called *April*: And on the 27 day, I being with

with the children of the Lord (at *Crake*) *John Lockwood* called high Constable apprehended me with the Warrant before mentioned; and the day being far spent, he said to the friends with me, if they would ingage for my appearance the next day, he would shew me that favour that I should stay with them that night; (I replyed these words) not any man shall ingage for me, neither desire I favour at the hands of men, if thou hast power over the body do with it what thou hast power: Then *John Lockwood* said, the day is far spent, I shall not go with thee to the Justice to night, untill to morrow stay at thy friends house. Reply, If thou say I shall stay here, if the Lord please I shal be ready to go with thee, where he gives thee power to have me; so he went away and said he would send for me the next day: and in the night season many of the Lords servants and children was with me waiting on him, who is worthy to be waited on, for he is good to the soules that wait on him, and to the soules that seek him; when much of the night was spent, the inhabitants of *Crake* in great rage and fury came to the doores and windows of the house, like the inhabitants of wicked *Sodom*, crying and rushing at the doors, and said, they would have me forth to dispose of me according to their wills, for I should not be there; and *John Lockwood* high Constable, so called, who said I should be there until the next day, yet to do the people a pleasure, he contrary to his word came in and took me forth, and had me into the streets, where the people shouted with a loud voyce, as they had me to and fro from one house to another (where they sould Ale) till the people in one house let them in, and there they set two men to watch over me untill the next day, which was the 28 day of the month before written; on which day they had me before *Thomas Dickeson* who granted forth the Warrant for me to be brought before him, and did me examine, and it was manifest before him, that what I was accused of in the VVarrant, and (the day the VVarrant mentioned my being in that place) was falle, for I had not been in that place that day, neither could they prove any such word spoken by me as I was accused of; and when he had nothing against me in that VVarrant, then he did commit me to prison by a VVarrant, that he said Judge *Windham* granted forth at the general Assize, before writeen, which VVarrant I never saw.

A true

A true Copie of the Mittimus, as followeth.

North riding } *To the Sheriff of the said County of* York, *and to*
of Yorkshire. } *the keeper of the Goale of the Castle of* York.

WHereas there was a Warrant directed for the apprehending of *William Deusbery* of *Stanly*, for the seducing the people of this Nation, from Judge *Windham* the last Assizes; and he being brought before me, and refuseth to find sureties to be of good behaviour and to appear at the next Assize to be holden for the said County, to answer the premises: You are hereby required to receive into your costody the said *William Deusbery*, and him safely to keep, untill he shall be delivered by due course of Law. Given under my hand and seal the 28 day of *April* 1654.

Thomas Dickeson.

According to his command, as aforesaid, I was had to *York* Castle, and there kept prisoner untill the generall Assize, which was holden about the time of the 22 day of the 5 month called *July* in the year above written, and there *Hugh Windham* did sit judge of life and death, who at the Assizes before mentioned, which was in the first month called *March*, gave order to apprehend me, and according to his order it was done; and he coming to judge the cause between me and my accusers, it was pressed on him by some friends of the truth (for the truths sake) that I might have the benefit as those had that were arraign'd for fellony and murther, to be brought before him and the people of the country, and there my accusers to appear face to face to prove their accusation, that I might suffer according to the Law, if I had it transgressed; otherwise that I might by it be cleared before the country, of the lies and aspersions and false accusations they had publickly charged me withall; his promise was I should be brought before him, and have a fair triall at Law as other prisoners had; but he was not faithful to do as he had said, before him I was not brought at that time nor any tryal had: but at the end of the Assizes cleared me by Proclamation, and sent me a *Liberato* (as they call it) to passe away.

Into prison I was cast, as formerly written, the 28 day of the second month (called *April*,) and there was kept untill the 24 day of the 5 month (called *July*) and then was turned forth as is

formerly written, without any tryal or Law me read, why they had kept me in prison that time: so for the truths sake; to that of God in every ones conscience I this day lay before, He that hath an eye to see let him see.

VVhich after the Lord by the arm of his mighty power had me set at liberty out of the hands of those unreasonable men; I journed as I was led by his spirit, his word in *Cleueland* and other parts in *Yorkshire*, *Nottinghamshire*, and so to *Derby*, and as I was declaring the word of the Lord to the consciences of the inhabitants of *Derby*, there came two men and laid hold on me, and had me before the men who were in commission to have done justice, who there did sit at the general Sessions holden at the Town, about the time of the 24. day of the 6 month called *Aug.* 1654.

VVhen I before them was brought, the first question to me by them propounded was, In whose presence dost thou stand? (the answer to them was) in whose presence, of the everliving God; the men called Justices replyed with these words, *Taylor* take him away, put him in prison for disturbing the Court, which was done at their command, into prison I was put, and when the day was spent *Thomas Youl* called the Mayor of *Derby* sent for me, and when I came before him he asked me what I came to the Town to doe? The answer to him, I came to declare the word of the Lord to the consciences of the inhabitants of *Derby*; the Mayor replyed, wilt thou go out of the Town? Answer to him, when the Lord orders me to go forth then I shall goe, till then I shall stay; then *Thomas Youll* the Mayor commanded the man to put me into prison again, which was done; the next day about the 9 hour there came *William Bould* one of the Mayors officers, and said to me, if thou wilt goe forth of the Town and in it no more come, I will open the doores for thee to come forth; the answer to him, out of the Town I shall not goe untill I am ordered of the Lord, and if thou openest the doore forth of the prison I shall not come till the man that said he had authority to put me in, come by the same authority and take me out, then away the man did goe, and afterwards did come, and the man whose name *John Slalous* who put me in prison, opened the door and took me by the arm and put me forth in much wrath, and delivered me to the other man, whose name is before written, who said, he had order to put me forth of the Town, which he did, and strictly charged mee

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to depart out of their coasts with many threatnings what should be done to me, if in the Town again I returned; but the words of vain man was not regarded, into the Town I returned, and there did stay till I was free in my spirit to depart from thence.

Then I journeyed to *Leicester*, and was there the first day of the week which was the 3 day of the 7 month (called *September*), And with me was many people to whom the word of the Lord was declared; and after the testimony of Jesus was finished to them, I went into the high place of the Town which the people of the dark world calls their Church, and after the man they call their Minister had done, the word of eternal life was declared to the consciences of the people, who did hear with much attention, untill two men came to me and said they had order from *Edmund Johnson* called Mayor, to take me away, and with violence drew me forth, and had me before the said *Edmund Johnson*, who commanded his officers to put me in prison before he did me examine, which was done; and the next day the man that put me in prison forth me brought before the Mayor, and *William Billers* another of the Rulers of the Town, who did me examine; and not finding any thing against me, commanded *Robert Brewin* Keeper of the common Goal, to put me out of the Town, and strictly charged me to depart forth of their coasts, with many threatnings what they would do if I again into the Town did come: but the threatnings of man was not regarged, into the Town I did return in obedience to the command of the Lord, to finish the testimony of Jesus, I was to witnesse to the consciences of the inhabitants of the Town of *Leicester*.

Then in obedience to the Spirit of truth, I journed into *Northamptonshire*; and in a Town called *Wellingborrow* and there-aways many did receive the word of life with much gladnesse of heart: And at a time as I was going along the street in that Town neer the house of *Thomas Andrews*, whom the people of the world calls their Teacher; he to me did speak these words, Give over deceiving the people least the plagues of God fall upon thee; the answer to him was, If thou say I deceive the people make it appear wherein I deceive them; he replyed, thou tells them there is no originall sin; I required of him, didst thou hear me say so? to that he made no answer: then these words was to him declared, thou must either prove what thou accusest me of, or own thy condem-

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nation upon thy false accusation; he fled away and did make no answer. About the time which was near 3 weeks after, I was ordered of the Lord to return again to *VVellingborrow*, and hearing there was a meeting in the Steeple-house where *Thomas Andrew* was, who had he falsly accused, as is formerly written, for the truths sake into the *S*teeple house I did goe, and in silence did stand till the man called their Teacher had done, then I declared the word of the Lord to the people, who did hear peaceably, and afterwards I spake in particular to *Thomas Andrews* to prove what he had falsly accused me of, in saying I deceived the people, and there make it manifest before the people, or to own his condemnation upon his false accusation; but to what was required no answer he did make, but away fled, and the men that was there whom the world calls their Teachers: then *Henry Smith* who in that Town dwels, out of the Steeple-house haled me into the yard, where the truth to the people was declared, who did there stand peaceably to hear, till *William Baw* called high Constable did take hold on me, and had me away into the market place amongst the people; and said, he would bring evidence against mee for Blasphemy; so had he me as prisoner too and fro in the market place, with so doing he made disturbance among the people; but when he could not prove what hee had falsly accused mee with, hee let mee goe; who at the present time went from amongst the people to a friends house, and came no more forth amongst the people in the market that day.

The next day being the 28 of the 10 month (called *December*) *Richard Dennis* being Constable of *VVellingborow* came to the friends house where I was, and took me forth by vertue of a Warrant that had no name, but for one who is commonly called *Quaker*, and had me with it before *Thomas Pentlow* called Justice at *VVilby* in *Northamtonshire*, who did me examine, but would not read mee any Law I had transgressed, but a Mittimus made and sent me to the common Goal in *Northampton*, on the 29 day of the 10 month called *December* 1654. A copy of the Mittimus I was denyed by *Iohn Snart* keeper of the Goal; and also the men that were in commission to doe Justice when it was of them desired in the open *C*ourt, at the generall Sessions holden at *Northampton* the 10 day of the 11 moneth,

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by those whose names are *Iohn Clark*, *Iohn Parker* called Sergant at Law, *George Benson*, *John Mansil*, *John Brown*, who there did sit in Commission to have judged the cause in righteousnesse between mee and mine accusers; but when the Mittimus was read where the charge against me was written, not any appeared to prove what the Blasphemy was for which they committed mee to prison in suspition of; neither they to me read any Law that any thing charged against me, had it transgrest; but again to prison did mee commit to answer at the Assizes holden at *Northampton* the 10 and 12 day of the first month called *March* 1654. And three times I was there brought before *Matthew Hail*, who did sit judge of life and death to answer what might be objected against me; and the last time I before him was brought *Hugh VVindham* was with him, who then was in commission with to have judged the cause in righteousnesse between me and my accusers; and though not any accuser appeared against me, to prove mee the transgressor of any Law; neither would these that sate to judge my cause any Law to me read that any evidence given in against me was the transgreffion of; but they me committed to prison where I had been amongst those arraigned for fellony and murther; so under all these lies and aspertions false accusations I suffer; and in stead of being cleared of them (when I was brought before those that are in Commission to judge with righteous judgement) more accusations is laid upon me by them: which was done by *John Parker* at the general Sessions before written: and *Hugh VVindham* at the general Assizes, before mentioned, which both did accuse me in the open Court, before the people, that I was a seducer; and when I required them to make manifest wherein I did seduce any, they would not answer to what then was required; and a copie of the ground of the evidence they pretend they have against me, they denied to be given me, in all places where they have proceeded against me, as is formerly written, least their works of darknesse should come to light, and their folly made manifest, and truth cleared of the lies and false accusations with which they blind the eyes of many, and cause them to stumble at the wayes of truth, in speaking evil of the things they know not, as is manifest in what is written.

So for the truth sake I bare testimony of, and it to clear from

from all lies and aſperſions caſt upon it, which hath cauſed the ſimple to ſtumble at the way of truth, and that they no longer be turned aſide by the lying ſpirit who every way ſeeks to murther and deſtroy the truth from the earth, in perſecuting the bodies of the Saints, and ſhutting them up in priſon under the names of blaſphemers, deceivers, ſeducers and diſturbers of the peace, ſo make lies their refuge, as that perſecuting ſpirit ever did in all ages, to ſtop the lying mouth and for the ſimple ſake that deſires in the truth of their hearts, to know the leadings of the ſpirit of truth in the way to know the onely true God, I here publickly declare to the inhabitants of *England*, and to all that dwell upon the earth, what I was in the fallen eſtate, and how the Lord raiſed me up by the arm of his mighty power, and carried me on through the great work of regeneration, that all may know the truth, I am ſent to bear teſtimony to the conſciences of thoſe that dwell upon the earth, is not any ſeducing nor contrary to the truth of the Goſpel, but is according to the truth, as it is in Jeſus, *He that hath an eye to ſee let him ſee, and an ear to hear let him hear.*

The firſt Birth.

Pſal. 51 5. I Was conceived in ſin and brought forth in iniquity, and in that ſtate lived and delighted in pride and pleaſures lightneſſe and vanity, as all doth in that nature, untill I were about eight years of age, though before that time when I did live in vanity, the light in my conſcience did witneſſe againſt mee and cauſed ſome trouble in me, but I departed from the light, and ſo followed the counſell of my own heart, that lead mee into vanity to live without the fear of God: And about the time when I was eight years of age, of my natural birth; the Iſa. 43. 7. word of the Lord came unto me, I created thee for my glory

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an account thou must give to me for all thy words and actions done in the body, which word enlightned my heart and opened the book of conscience in me, where all was written I had done in the body ever since I was a child or had any remembrance, and when I had read my condition, how I had lived without God who created me for his glory: The word of the Lord then came unto me, Shall the axe boast it self against him that heweth therewith, or shall the saw magnifie it self against him that shaketh it? As if the staffe should shake it self against him that lifteth it up, or as if the staffe should lift up it self as if it were no wood; and by the power of the word of the Lord that spoke in me, my understanding was enlightned, and my conscience bore witness that it was my condition, I had lifted up my self against the living God in living without his fear, who created me to live in obedience to him, but I had lived in disobedience to him untill that day; so deep sorrow seized upon me, and I knew not what to do that I might get acquaintance with the God of my life, who created me for his own praise and glory: then I ceased from my vain conversation which I had lived in, and began to read the Scriptures and books, and mourn and pray to a God I knew not where he was, but expected him without looking up towards the firmament where my carnal imagination told me he was, and as I had heard those the world calls Ministers whom I went to hear whose words did witnesse with my carnal imagination of God, they said he was above the skies calling it heaven; but I felt the hand of the Lord within me, executing justice upon the wicked in me, and what way ever I turned to seek him in observations thither the flaming sword turned, which was placed against me to keep the way of the tree of life, and executed the righteous justice of God upon me: so I stood before the Throne of the Lamb, reading in my mournfull estate the sentence of condemnation that passed upon me from the glory of his presence, and in this condemned estate I continued, and through the ignorance (where God was, what his worship was) I strove to satisfie his justice in outward observations imitating what the Saints did, sometimes in fasting and prayer which was the practise of *Cornelius* and others of the *Saints* of the most high God, as I found recorded in the *Scripture* of Truth: But notwithstanding all my strict walking in observations, in which I was seeking the Kingdome

Mat. 12. 36.
2 Cor. 5. 10.
Isa. 43. 7.
Isa. 10. 15.
Isa. 43. 7.
Isa. 43. 7.
Luke 17. 20.
Gen. 3. 24.
Rev. 20. 11, 12.
Luke 17. 20.
Acts 10. 30.
Deu. 10. 21.
Luke 17. 20.

Gen. 3. 24. dom of God I found him not, but the flaming ſword cut me down; ſo my ſorrow increaſed, for I found none in my condition that I could declare it to: Then it pleaſed the Lord to order my friends in the fleſh to put me to keep the ſheep where I was retired from company, ſo my mind was kept in my mournfull eſtate, where my great eaſe was in mourning to a God I knew not, nor none could Heb. 22, 21. tell mee where I ſhould get acquaintance with him: In the place where I was in the outward being in a Town called *Allathorp*, nigh *Pocklington* in *Yorkſhire*; but hearing of a people about *Leeds* that walked more ſtrictly in profeſſion of the name of God then any did where I was; I had no reſt in my ſpirit till my Parents, in the fleſh, ſent me thither to be an apprentice not regarding what Calling, ſo I might be amongſt thoſe that feared the Gal. 3. 16. Heb. 22. 21. living God, that I might be acquainted with the God of my life, who had created me for himſelf, and the deſires the Lord raiſed up in me was anſwered when I was thirteen yeers old of my naturall birth, I was bound an apprentice to a Cloth-maker in a Town called *Holdbeck* neer *Leeds*; and as I heard ſo it was, there was much ſpeaking of God which they called preaching and profeſſing him in words from the letter of the Scripture what the Saints had ſpoken forth, ſo intimating the Saints practice in their carnall Luke 17. 20. wiſdom, ſeeking the Kingdom of God in outward obſervations, Pſal. 66. 16. as I had done before I came there; but when I met with none that could tell me what God had done for their ſoules in redeeming them Rom. 7. 24. from the body of ſin, which I groaned under, and ſeparated me Luke 17. 20. from the preſence of God, though I walked ſtrictly with them in their outward obſervations running to hear one man after another, which they called Miniſters, yet I found no reſt nor peace to my Gen. 3. 24. weary ſoul, but the flaming ſword, the righteous Law of God, cryed in me for a perfect fulfilling of the Law of God, and did meet with me where-ever I was, that I could find no peace in that worſhip of God the world hath ſet up, as in receiving the bread and wine, which they told me was the ſeals of the Covenant, Pſal. 51. 3. which were long ere I durſt receive it, becauſe I ſaw not my ſelf 1 Cor. 11. 28, 29. prepared, for the evil of my heart ſtood before me, and when I was to receive it, I ſought the Lord to keep me by his power that I might receive it worthily, and when I did receive, my deſire was the Lord would ſeale up his love to my ſoule, but I found nothing ſealed up to my ſoul with it: Then much fear ſeized upon my ſoul

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for a long time after; and *Iudas* condition was cast into my mind, until it were shewed that the seal of the Covenant was the Spirit of Christ, and no outward element; and the supper was the body and blood of Christ, which the world doth not know, nor I at that time, but was made to wait for the manifestation of it to me: Then I durst joyn no more with the world in that practise; nor in their practise in singing *Davids* conditions, which they called Psalms; for the light in my conscience let me see the evil of my heart that I was not in *Davids* condition; the sence of which stopped my mouth, and while they were singing, I did mourn and weep for want of the pure spirit that *David* had that caused him to sing, neither could I apply the promises which they told me belonged to me, for I found no promise belonging to that nature, but the wrath of God abode upon mee for my disobeying his counsel in me the light in my conscience, (but being ignorant) it was his counsell I departed from it, and lent my eare to those without that said they spoke from the mouth of the Lord, so was deceived, and caused to erre by their lies, that did draw mee to seek the Kingdom of God in observations without, but the word of the Kingdom was in mee, and executed the righteous justice of God upon my adulterous heart that took councell, and not at his mouth, till I was consumed and my body was brought so weak, I was not able to answer the expectation of him whom the Lord hath placed me with, though my conscience was clear I did what I were able; and he in his carnal wisedom thought I were in a consumption, and was in mind some times to have sent mee away to my friends in the flesh, and other-some times he would have the men the world calls Doctours, to apply some things to my body for my recovery, but I was not free to let them, but once for fear of giving them offence, for I knew my infirmity was the evil of my heart that separated mee from the presence of my God, and how to be freed from it none told me; and when I found no help in outward observations in reading, praying, hearing, or meditating of what I heard, my sorrow and misery was so great, it constrained me to run to those the world calls Ministers and Professours, which appeared to me had most acquaintance with God, to ask them what I might do to be saved, and they spoke smooth things to me, to beleeve in the name of Jesus Christ, and to apply the promises, but that he was to be found within me none told me, which added to my sorrow, telling me to believe in Christ

Iohn 15.27. Luke 22.2. Ephes. 4 30. 1 Cor. 10. 16. 17. Phil. 3.15. Eph. 5.11. 1 Iohn 1. 6. Eph. 5.13. Iames 5. 3. Eph. 5 6. Ier. 23.32. Luke 17 20. Deut. 30.14. Isa. 30. 1[illegible] Iob 33. from 19. to 22. Ier. 5.25. Isa. 59. 2. Luke 17.20. Ezek. 34.6. Acts 2.37. 2 Cor. 13.5.

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I knew not where he was; then at that time did the wars begin in this Nation, and mine eyes being still abroad to do something in
Luke 17. 20. outward observations for my life; The men called Ministers cried
Judg 5. 23. curse ye *Meroz*, because they went not forth to help the Lord a-
gainst the mighty: Then I was willing to give my body to death,
1 Cor. 13. 3. in obedience to my God, to free my soule from sin, that I might
John 22. 2. escape the wrath I lay under, and get acquaintance with him; I
John 5. 39. joyned with that little remnant which said they fought for the Go-
spel, but when I was amongst them I found as much ignorance of
the Gospel, as was in the se I had been with, none told me what
the Gospel was, but the dead letter, which is the outward testimony
Luke 1. 1. and declaration of the Gospel, which is Christ, who is the glad ti-
Luke 2 10 11. dings to sinners; but they called the dead letter the Gospel, as I
had heard before, so I found no rest to my soul amongst them: Then
I heard there was in *Scotland* a reformed Church, who they said
walked in the fear of the Lord; I journeyed into that country, and
to *Edenbourgh*, where I found nothing but formality, their Teach-
Luke 17. 0. ers calling to the people to seek the Kingdom of Heaven in outward
observations, as I had heard in *England*: Then I returned back to
England again, and went amongst those that called themselves the
Church of Christ, who is called by the names Anabaptists and In-
dependents, who were setting up a more glorious image in outward
observations, and said they were the children of God; but I could
not joyn with them, for the testimony of his love my soul wanted:
Micah 6.6.7. And then the Lord discovered to me that his love could not be at-
8,9. tained in any thing I could doe, in any of these outward observati-
ons; so in all these my turnings in my carnall wisdom, seeking the
Luke 17. 20 Kingdom of God in observations without, thither the flaming
Gen. 3. 24 sword turned, which kept the way of the tree of life, and fenced me
from it, and cut me down, and rent all my fig-leave, coverings, and
destroyed that minde that looked out to seek the Kingdom of Heaven
Luke 17 20. in observations, or to hearken any more to hear the word of the
Isa. 54. 13. Lord from man: then my mind was turned within by the power
of the Lord, to wait in his counsel the light in my conscience, to hear
what the Lord would say; And the word of the *Lord* came unto
2 Pet. 1. 19. me and said, put up thy sword into thy scabard, if my Kingdom were
of this world, then would my children fight; *knowest thou not that*
John 18. 36. *if I need I could have twelve legions of Angels from my Father*;
Mat. 26. 52 53. which word enlightned my heart, and discovered the mystery of ini-

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quity, and that the Kingdom of Christ was within; and the enemies was within and was spiritual, and my weapons against them must be spirituall, *the power of God*; Then I could no longer fight with a carnall weapon against a carnall man; for the dead letter, which man in his carnall wisdom called the Gospel, had deceived me; but then the Lord discovered to me the deceits of all these men in *England*, that were seeking the Kingdom of Heaven in outward observations; And the messenger of the Covenant, forth of his mouth proceeded the two edged sword with which he slayes his enemies, cut me down and caused me to yeeld in obedience, to put up my carnall sword into the scabbard, and leave the Army.

Luke 17. 21.
2 Cor. 10. 4.
Mat. 26 53.
Luke 17. 20.
Rev 19. 15.
Mat. 26 52.

Then I returned to my outward habitation and calling I had in the world, and there laboured with my hands, my mind being turned within to wait upon the Lord in the way of his judgements; and this I witnesse, the administration of *Moses* in which *Cain* is banished, *Esau* reprobated, *Pharaoh* plagued, the first born of *Egypt* slain, and my will brought in subjection for the Lord to do with me what his will was, if he condemned he might, and if he saved me it were his free love; and in this condemned estate I lay crying in the depth of misery without any hopes of deliverance by any thing I could do to pacifie the wrath of God, till the administration of the Prophets, that witnessed to my soul therewhere free redemption laid up for me in the Lord Jesus, and by the power of the word of their testimony there was a secret hope raised up in me to wait for his coming, there I waited till the administration of *John*; and I witnesse that of all that is born of a woman there is not greater then *John*; for he is a burning and a shining light, who discovered more of the mystery of iniquity in me in his administration, and the sence of my condition was more manifest, the cry of my condemned soul was great and could not be satisfied, I breathed and thirsted after Christ to save me freely through his blood or I perished for ever, and in this condemned estate I lay waiting for the coming of Christ Jesus, who in the appointed time of the father appeared to my soul, as the lightnings from the East to the West, and my dead soul heard his voyce, and by his voyce was made to live, who created me to a lively hope, and sealed me up in the everlasting Covenant of life with his blood; then I witnessed the wages of sin and death, and the gift of God, eternal life

Isa. 26. 8.
Gen. 4 14.
Rom 9. 13.
Exod. 9.
Ephes. 25. 8. 9.
Ionah. 2. 2.
Isa. 9. 6. 7.
Lam. 3. 26.
Iohn 5. 35.
Mat. 5. 6.
Eph. 2. 13.
Mat. 24. 27.
Iohn 5. 25.
Eph. 1. 13.
1 Pet. 1. 3.

Isa. 55 3. through Jesus Christ my Lord; and I witnessed according to testimony of Scripture, death reigns over all from *Adam* to *Moses*,
Rom. 5 14. and *Moses* untill the Prophets, and the Prophets untill *Iohn*, *and*
Mat. 11. 13. and 12. *from this day the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force*; there is no rest to the soul till Christ bee manifest, and this the Scripture witnesseth; and I witnesse these Scriptures fulfilled in mee, in the year according to the account 1645.

Rev. 19. 15. The witnesses that stood before the God of the earth, and had
Mat. 2. 13. power to plague the earth; having finished their testimony, the
Rev. 11. 7, 8, 9. [illegible] ascends out of the bottomlesse pit, and makes war against and kill them, and their dead bodies lay in the streets of the great City spirituall *Sodom* and *Ægypt*, where our Lord was crucified; and this Scripture was fulfilled in me in the year according to account, 1648.

Rev. 11. 10. Then Kindreds tongues and the Nations of the earth made mer-
Mat. 24 15. ry over the witnesses; and I see the abomination that maketh de-
Dan. 11. 31. solate, which is spoken of by *Daniel* the Prophet, standing in the holy place where it ought not; and then was I led by the Spirit into the wilderness and tempted of the Devill, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, *Luke* 4. 1.

In that day and hour of temptation, which was in the time as the lines following giveth testimony: I witnessed these Scriptures
Rom. 7. 19, 20, 23, 24. fulfilled in me of *Pauls* condition, wherein he complained as I then did, who found a law in my members warring against the Law of my mind, that when I would do good evil was present with me; the sence of which caused me to cry, Oh wretched man that [illegible] who shall deliver me from the body of this death? And as [illegible] crying to the Lord to free me from the burthen I groaned under; the word of the Lord came unto me saying, My grace is sufficient
2 Cor. 12. 9. for thee, I will deliver thee; and by the power of his word I was armed with patience to wait in his counsel groaning under the body of sin in the day and hour of temptation, untill it pleased the
Rom. 7. 24. Lord to manifest his power to free me, which was in the year according to the account, 1651.

Rev. 11. 11. The spirit of life from God entred into the witnesses, and they stood upon their feet, then great fear fell upon all that saw them; and the Temple of God was opened in Heaven, and I saw in his Temple the Ark of his Testament, and there were lightnings, voyces,

voyces, thunder, earth-quakes, and great hail, then my ſtery *Babylon* the great, the mother of harlots, and the abomination of the earth, which made all Nations drunk with the wine of the wrath of her fornication, ſhe was diſcovered in me, and God remembred her when the mighty day of the Lords power was manifeſt upon her, Jeſus Chriſt was revealed from Heaven in flaming fire, pouring vials of wrath upon her, and rendring vengeance upon all in me that knew him not (and diſobeyed his Goſpel:) and purged away the filthy nature (that did me imbondage) with the ſpirit of judgement, and with the ſpirit of burning, ſo through the righteous law of life in Chriſt Jeſus, I was made free, and am from the body of ſin and death; and through theſe great tribulations my garment is waſhed, and made white in the blood of the Lamb, who hath led me through the gates of the City into the new *Ieruſalem*, where there is nothing enters that works abomination or makes a lye, but what is written in the Lambs book of life, where my ſoul now feeds upon the tree of life, which I had ſo long hungred and thirſted after, that ſtands in the Paradiſe of God, where there is no more curſe nor night, but the Lord God and the Lamb is my light and life for ever and ever; I witneſs I am regenerated and born again of the immortal ſeed, and hath pertaked on the firſt reſurrection, on whom the ſecond death hath no power.

Verſe 19. Rev. 17. 5. Rev. 18. 3,4,5, 6, 7, 8. 2 Theſ. 1. 7. 8. Iſa. 4. 4. Rom 8 2. Rev. 7. 14. Rev. 22. 14. Rev. 21. 27. Mat. 5. 6. Rev. 22. 2. 3, 5. Iohn 3. 3. Rev. 20.

And this I declare to all the inhabitants in *England*, and all that dwell upon the earth, that God alone is the teacher of his people, and hath given to every one a meaſure of Grace, which is the light that comes from Chriſt, that checks and reproves for ſin in the ſecret of the heart and conſcience; and all that wait in that light which comes from Chriſt (which is the free grace of God) for the power of Jeſus Chriſt to deſtroy ſin, and to guide them in obedience to the light, ſo ſhall they come to know the onely true God and Father of light in Chriſt Jeſus, who is the way to him: And this I witneſſe to all the ſons of men, that the knowledge of eternall life I came not to by the letter of the Scripture nor hearing men ſpeak of the name of God, I came to the true knowledge of the Scripture and the eternall reſt (they teſtify it in Chriſt) by the inſpiration of the Spirit of Jeſus Chriſt, the Lyon of the Tribe of *Iudah*, who alone is found worthy to open the ſeales of the book; and I witneſſe none elſe can, for he alone opened the ſeales of the book

Iohn 6. 45. Iſa. 54. 13. Mat. 25. 15. Iohn 1. 9. Eph. 5. 13. Titus 2. 11. Ioh. 17. 3. Iohn 14. 6. Iohn 5. 39. Ioh. 32. 8. Rev. 5. 3, 4, 5.

book in me, and ſealed it up to my ſoul by the teſtimony of his
Eph. 1. 13. own ſpirit, according to his own promiſe, *I will bind up the teſti-*
mony, and ſeale the Law amongſt my Diſciples, and I will write
Iſa. 8. 16. *my Law in their hearts, and put my ſpirit in their inward parts,*
Ier. 31. 33. *and they ſhall not depart from me; neither ſhall they need to teach*
34. *every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, for all ſhall*
Ezek. 36. 24, *know me from the leaſt of them to the greateſt, for I will be mer-*
25, 26. 27, 28. *ciful to their unrighteouſneſſe, and their ſins and iniquities will I*
Heb. 8. 10. 11, *remember no more: and all my children ſhall be taught of me, ſaith*
12. Iſa. 54 13. *the Lord God, and great ſhall be the peace of my children*; and this
here declared the Scriptures witneſſe, and I witneſſe the Scrip-
Rev. 19. 1. tures fulfilled in me; *Praiſes, praiſes, Hallelujah, and eternal*
Rev. 5. 13. *praiſes be unto thee Lord God Almighty, who hath taken unto thee*
thy great power to ſit upon thy throne, and to the Lamb for ever-
more.

It being charged on me my impriſonment to be juſt untill I give a reaſon of the hope of my calling, and that I am unwilling ſo to do; to ſtop the lying mouth of the falſe accuſer, and to clear the truth of the lies layd on it as before written, and in love to the ſouls of the people that they the truth may know as it is in Jeſus:
Gal. 1. 15, 16. Here I have declared the work of the mighty God in revealing his
Son in me, who led me on my journey through the dark world,
Rev. 7. 14. where I paſſed through great tribulations, as formerly written, untill I came to the end of the world, over it to rejoyce in the power of my God (1 *Cor.* 10, 11. upon whom the ends of the world are come) whom the whole world that lies in wickedneſs hates and
John 5. 19. perſecutes: but to the pure ſingle eye, that is not of the world, I
Mat. 6. 22. lay this before which is written, that all which it mindes may ſee the truth I bear teſtimony of is not any Popiſh Tenet (though I was queſtioned concerning them at the general Aſſizes holden at *Northampton* the 10 and 12 dayes of the firſt month called *March* 1654.) neither is it ſeducing nor blaſphemy nor prejudicial to the
Rev. 14. 6. truth of the Goſpel or peace of the Nation, but according to the truth of the everlaſting Goſpel and ſound peace of the Nation, for which teſtimony I am ſtill kept in bonds in the common Goal in *Northampton*, numbred amongſt the tranſgreſſors in the low priſon with thoſe arrained for fellony and murther, waiting in reſt
Iſa. 53. 12. and peace till the ſufferings of the righteous ſeed be fulfilled. And all you that are enemies to the truth of God perſecuting it under

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the names as formerly written, calling the preaching of the truth seducing, this I declare and confesse unto you in the presence of God; after the way you call seducing do I worship the Lord God of my fathers; and witnesse fulfilled what is written in the Law and the Prophets; he that can receive me let him. Acts 24. 14.

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Dear friends whose minds are turned to the effectual light that comes from Christ, all mind your own measure and be content in what the Lord hath committed to you; with the light judge that which would draw your minds to look forth at others conditions, and in impatiency to covet what the Lord hath given to them, before it be manifest to you: be faithful every one in your own measure, and in patience wait in the light for the unlimited spirit of Christ your life to open the seals of the book, and make known unto you the mystery of eternal life, which he will daily reveal in you that are faithfull in your own measure to follow the Lord in what he makes manifest to you, whom he hath called into his Vinyard at the ninth and eleventh hour, be faithfull to the Lord in walking in obedience to him in the light; hee will make a short work in the earth for his seed sake, and your reward shall be rest and peace in the presence of God in Christ, with those that came into the Vinyard the third and sixth hours and laboured the heat of the day; God almighty be with you his chosen servants and children, and all in your measure keep in his eternall power bold, valiant and faithfull unto the end, and crown you with eternall glory in Christ one Judge Lord and King, God over all blessed for ever, Amen.

To all you that rule in England *from the highest to the lowest, whom the Lord hath betrusted with power to see the peace be kept, and to judge the cause of the people: He hath given you power theri causes to judge with righteous judgemeut, the evil doers to punish, and the righteous set free out of the hands of those that oppresse them.*

This is the word of the Lord God to you:

THat you lend not your ears to the counsel of your own hearts, or to the counsel of any without you that tempts you to draw your mindes from the pure counsel of God, which is the light that comes from Christ Jesus, and calls on you in your consciences to judge with righteous judgement as you will eternally answer before the pure powerful dreadfull God; take heed of abusing your power he hath betrusted you with, in establishing any Law which is contrary to Scripture and the righteous Law of God in the conscience, as those did whom the Lord drave out and destroyed before you in his wra[illegible]nd overturnd in his fierce displeasure, which if you uphold those Lawes they made in their wills, or any other which is contrary to the righteous Law of God in the conscience, and rule according to them Lawes; and exercise the power committed to you to bind the Lawes upon the consciences of the children of the Lord, whom he hath chosen out of the world, and made his jewels to fear an oath, in obedience to the righteous Law, which sayeth, swear not at all; which if you by these unrighteous Lawes take advantage against the righteous seed concerning the Law of their God, them to ensnare under your power, that you on them may satisfie your wills: This I declare to you from the eternall God of Heaven and Earth, It is hard for you to kick against the pricks; for what is done to his people he takes it as done to

to himself, and better a Milstone were hanged about your neck and you cast into the Sea, saith Christ, then to offend one of these little ones that beleeveth in his name and obeyes his command, who saith, swear not at all: and now is manifesting his power in his people, that all them may know between those that swear and them that fear an oath, which if you them that fear an oath oppress; this know, the Lord God will plead their cause as he did the cause of all his people in all ages, and destroyed those that oppressed them; as in the time of *Pharaoh*, and in the time of *Nebuchadnezzar*, and in the time of *Hamon* in the reigne of King *Ahasuerus*, and in the time of King *Herod* whom he smote in his righteous judgements, and consumed him with worms, *Acts* 12. 23. for persecuting his people and robbing him of his glory, the righteous justice of God he manifested upon the enemies of his people, is left upon record you to forewarn, that you touch not his chosen anointed people, nor do his Prophets no harm, for whose sakes the Kings rebukes, and all that oppresse them, as is recorded in Scripture of truth, and hath been witnessed before your eyes, in destroying the Bishops, and the King that oppressed the people of God by their power, in binding Lawes upon them contrary to the righteous Law of God in their consciences, and you Rulers of *England* who promised to the Lord God if he would deliver those that oppressed his people into your hands, and give you power over them, you would take away all Laws that burthened the consciences of his people, and they should have free liberty to worship him in spirit and in truth, according to his Law written in their own hearts; and according to your desires the Lord appeared while you in his counsell stood, and gave all into your power, according to the desires of your own hearts; and now is the time of your try all wherein the Lord is trying all you this day whom he hath put power into your hands, which if you now forget the Lord God, who appeared to you when you were little in your own eyes in the day of your distresse, and deny to perform your promises you made to the Lord when he delivered you out of the hands of those that sought your lifes; but contrary to all your promises abuse your power you are betrusted with, to build up again you seemed to destroy which cost the price of so much blood, in establishing Lawes which are contrary to Scripture and the righteous Law of God in the conscience, and by them think to scatter the power of the holy people, and to weary out the Saints of the

moſt high God in turning judgement backward, and keeping juſtice a far off, that truth falleth in the ſtreets, and equity cannot enter, ſo he that departeth from evill maketh himſelf a prey to your wills, and the Lord God ſeeth it, and is diſpleaſed with you, that there is no judgement for his people: therefore to you this is the word of the Lord, that abuſe your power you are betruſted with, in perverting judgement, as before written; thus ſaith the Lord God, *The pit you dig for my people you ſhall fall into it your ſelves, and my people I will deliver by the arm of my mighty power, and according to your deeds I will to you repay, and recompence fury and vengeance to you my adverſaries, and will you ſweep away with the beeſome of my wrath except you repent, and your blood ſhall be upon your own heads, and you ſhall not eſcape, but come to your end, and none ſhall help you; He that hath an ear to hear let him hear.*

And be forewarned now in this day of your viſitation, wherein the Lord hath to you ſent you, to forewarn of the evill that is coming upon you, that you may ſpeedily to him return, and lay your Crowns in the duſt at the feet of Jeſus *Syons* King, and in his counſel ſtand; which is the light in the conſcience that in you witneſſeth againſt every vain thought, and wicked imagination, and in the light wait his power you to guide to perform your promiſes, and to take away all Lawes contrary to Scripture, and the righteous Law of God in the conſcience, that the righteous Law of God may be your guide, which is the guide of all the children of God; then will the Lord God of Heaven and Earth be with you, and with the arm of his mighty power deſtroy all that plot or riſe up againſt you, before whom he will make the unrighteous powers of the earth to ſhake if you abide faithful in his counſel, and wil make you a terrour to the evil doers, and a praiſe to them that do well, and will bring you into the eternall peace, and reſt he hath prepared for his people; but if you reject his counſell and caſt his righteous Law behind your backs, as you have done, and follow the counſel of your own hearts, all that have an eye to ſee read and underſtand, *Prov.* 29. 1. He that hath been often reproved and hardeneth his neck, ſhall ſuddenly be deſtroyed and that without remedy: and in that day I ſhall be clear of your blood, who in love to your ſoules hath not hid the counſel of God from you, which he hath made known to me, that you may be left without excuſe, in the day of the Lords anger,

anger, when hee doth perform what he hath ſpoken. Then ſhall I be remembred whom the world knows by name *William Dansbery*, and by ſome of you that profeſſes to miniſter juſtice caſt into priſon, and there kept in the common Goal in *Northampton*, for the word of God and Teſtimony of Jeſus Chriſt.

From the Goal in *Northampton* the 25 day of the 4 month, 1655.

O England! England! over all in thee I lament,

who persecutes the Sons and Daughters of the most high God, he hath to thee sent, thee to forewarn of the evill day that is coming upon thee.

O That thou in this day of thy visitation did know the things belonging to thy peace! which the living God tenders to thee in this day of his mercy, wherein he waites on thee to be gracious unto thee, and to make thee the glory of all the Nations of the world, and in all thy straits for thee appeared, and in his mighty power hath destroyed all that did secretly plot and rise up against thee, to establish unrighteous Lawes, and them bind upon the consciences of those that feared the Lord in thee, and walked humbly before him according to the measure of light received; and now hath he appeared in the day of his mighty power in thee *O England*, to exalt the Kingdom of Christ in the hearts of his Saints, and hath sent them to preach his everlasting Gospel in thee, to turn the mindes of the people from darknesse to light, which comes from Christ, in it to waite for his power to guide out of all sin and uncleanesse, into union and fellowship with the Father of light, which many of you people in *England* seemed to desire above all things, and content to give up your lives to withstand them that did appear, to bind any unrighteous law upon you, and by it to take advantage against you, concerning the Law of God, which you professed to love, and to delight in your liberty in it more then in your neareſt and dearest relation, or life, or any outward injoyment, and all you in that day, who were faithfull to the Lord according to the measure of light manifest in you, the Lord God did appear for you, and in his mighty power hath scattered those that stood up in enmity against you, to bind Lawes upon your consciences, which is contrary to Scripture, and the righteous Law of God in the heart; and the Lord hath given you power over all those your enemies, and now have you free liberty which they cannot take from you, to worship God in spirit and in truth, according to the desires you seemed to manifest in the day you cryed to the Lord when you were in distresse: and now is the Lord come to visite you in his tender mercy, and hath sent his Ministers to preach his eternal word freely without money

money or price, in ſeaſon and out of ſeaſon, to reprove rebuke exhort, with all long-ſuffering and doctrine, which many of you people in *England*, who promiſed the Lord to worſhip him in ſpirit and in truth, now his counſell rejects, and turns to the teachers you have heaped up to your ſelves, according to your own luſts, who cryes peace, peace to you in what you do, while you put into their mouths; and now is the time come to the fulfilling the Scripture in you, who have itching eares and cannot indure ſound doctrine, but turns from it to fables, which if you continue in your careleſſe mindes, ſlighting this day of your viſitation, and not like to retain God in your knowledge, God will give you up to reprobate mindes, that profeſſe you know God but in works deny him, being abominable and diſobedient and to every good work reprobate, upon whom the Lord will get his glory in his righteous judgements, and if the Lord in his everlaſting love had not left a ſeed in thee *O England!* thou with all thy teachers whom thou haſt heaped up according to thy own luſts, would have become as *Sodom*, but for his own ſeed ſake, whom he hath bleſſed, he will do good to the inhabitants of *England*, who ſtands faithfully in his counſell to be guided by his power, and will ſcatter all thoſe that ſtand in oppoſition to his righteous ſeed *Chriſt*, whom he is exalting in the hearts of his elect and choſen people in *England*, to rule for ever over all that ſtand in enmity to him, this is the day the mighty God is giving all power unto his ſon Jeſus, to whom every knee ſhall bow; and all you proud ſtubborn ſelf-willed lofty ones that hates the light of Chriſt in you, that witneſſes againſt ſin in the ſecret of the heart and conſcience, and it rejects, and denies to be guided by it, but turns to the counſell of your own hearts, and the Teachers you have heaped up according to your luſts, and with them ſits at eaſe in the fleſh, and turns the grace of God into wantonneſs, and forgets the loving kindneſſe of the Lord, who delivered you by the arm of his mighty power, when enemies compaſſed you on every ſide, and gave your lives for a prey, when they were nigh unto death; and now you abuſe your liberty, to walk with your teachers according to your luſts, and with them commit this filthy and abominable thing in the land, the Prieſts to teach for hire, and the Prophets that divine for money, and you people love to have it ſo, but what will you do in the end thereof, which day you put afar off and do not regard, but that you ſhall

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not be ignorant of the mind of the Lord, and left without excuſe, in the mighty day of the Lords anger, who hath ſent his ſervants and children early and late, to forewarn you of the evill day that is coming upon you, if you doe not ſpeedily repent, and turn to the Lord, but ſlight this day of your viſitation, then ſhall the things now belonging to your peace, be hid from your eyes, and your end ſhall be according to the word of the Lord I declare to you; thus ſaith the Lord, *All theſe my enemies, that will not that I ſhall rule over them, bring them hither and ſlay them before me*; and this is your portion you enemies of Chriſt, that hates his counſel, as is before written, he will you conſume with the breath of his mouth, and the brightneſſe of his coming, which will overtake you that ſit at eaſe in the fleſh, as a theef in the night and in flames of fire will render vengeance on you that diſobeys his Goſpel, and will give to every one of you according to the works done in the body, and you ſhall not eſcape from *Iſraels* Judge, *Syons* King, who will all his people deliver, and you proud lofty ones under bring, by his mighty power, to the praiſe and glory of his righteous juſtice, who alone is worthy, God over all bleſſed for ever. Amen.

Remember you are warned in your life time, and prize this day of your viſitation, while the Lord in patience and long-ſufferance waites to be gracious and mercifull to you, if you ſpeedily return to his counſell, which is the light of Chriſt in your conſciences that ſhewes you ſin, and wait in it for his power to lead you to repentance, and to cleanſe you from ſin, and in the ſtraight way of ſelf-denyal, and the daily croſſe, you to guide in obedience to the Father of light, then will the Lord God be mercifull to you, and heal your backſlidings, and love you freely, and blot out your tranſgreſſions for his names ſake, which if you will have none of his counſel but it rejects as you have done, and ſtill commits this filthy and abominable thing in the land, the Prieſts to teach for hire, and the Prophets to divine for mony, which is the practice of your teachers, you have heaped up to your ſelves according to your luſts, and love to have it ſo; then your portion you muſt own, what the Lord hath ſpoken he will perform, and you and your teachers ſhall reap the fruit of your doings, according as is declared, and in that day I ſhall be remembred when you lye upon the bed of ſorrow, who is clear of all your blood, who periſh through

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your disobedience in that I have not hid the counsel of God from neither Rulers Priests nor People.

And to the light of Christ in all your consciences I clear my conscience in the presence of the living, pure, and dreadful God, who will perform according to his words, and the condemnation of the evil doers slumbers not, the Lord will cleanse the Land of you, and not any that rejects Christ the corner stone shall rule in *England*, for the Lord will make it the glory of all the Nations of the world, notwithstanding all that oppose him, his own work he will carry on in it, by the arm of his mighty power will he exalt Christ Jesus, to be King in it, to rule the people according to his righteous Law, and all that will not his Lawes obey, and their Crowns lay down at his feet, and to him their knee bow in perfect obedience to his righteous law, written in the heart and conscience, he will you break in pieces, with his rod of Iron, and dash in sunder like a potters vessel, and not any shall escape that doth evil, and bring the curse upon the earth, which the Lord is making as the garden of *Eden*, the mouth of the Lord of Hosts hath spoken it, he that can receive it let him, and an ear to hear let him hear: And whether you people in *England* hear or forbear, in your consciences I shall be for ever manifest; and you shall eternally witnesse the truth I have declared is to you the word of the Lord God, the day will declare it.

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